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Tempe Town Lake July 4th Festival

For 57 years Tempe has celebrated our nation's birthday loudly and proudly with Valley residents and visitors. The 2008 CBS5 Tempe Town Lake July 4th Festival is poised to honor that tradition once again. The event, which is presented by TruWest Credit Union and produced by the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, will feature great local live music, activities for all ages and, of course, the biggest and best fireworks extravaganza in Arizona.

Activities begin at 4 p.m., Friday, July 4 at Tempe Beach Park. For complete event details – attractions, ticket outlets, parking and more, visit www.tempe4th.com or call 480-350-5189.

Tempe's Newest Park Nears Completion

Esquer Park will feature a splash playground; regular playground; basketball court; a bike, blade and skate park; two covered ramadas; and lots of open space. The 3 acre park located at 2407 E. McArthur, in the Victory Acres neighborhood, will open in July for all to enjoy. A formal park opening will be held this fall.

The park is named after the Esquer family in honor of their commitment and dedication to the citizens of Tempe. The family has lived in and served the Victory Acres neighborhood since 1941.



Get in the Game This Summer

Is your child looking to master their jump shot, return a serve or block a goal? Our summer camps can help them do just that. Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of sports camps that help children of all ages learn a new sport or refine their skills during the off-season.

Basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer and tennis camps begin early July. Register today, call (480) 350-5200 or visit www.tempe.gov/brochure/Summer2008/SummerCamps.pdf

Environmentally-Friendly Tennis Courts are Big Hit in Tempe

Kiwanis Recreation Center introduces 15 newly renovated tennis courts that feature the internationally famous Rebound Ace surfaces. The courts are comprised of an environmentally-friendly element called Nike Grind in each court. These surfaces can be found at the U.S. and Australian Open.

Tempe is the only Arizona city to partner with the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program to recycle used athletic shoes. More than 10,000 pairs of shoes have been collected. For drop-off locations call 480-350-8145 or visit www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods/shoes.htm



Council member Shana Ellis and USTA Regional Director Larry Funk complete the first serve at June 14, 2008 Open House